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sometimes the "Represented Defendants") hereby move the court to dismiss Plaintiff's claims on the basis of lack of standing. This motion is supported by the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

Memorandum of Points and Authorities

General Background:

Plaintiff's case involves his enforcement of a promissory note (the Note) against the alleged maker of the Note, Defendant Stavatti Aerospace Ltd. (the Company). The Note had been negotiated by Plaintiff and Defendant Brian Colvin who, while affiliated with the Company at the time, was acting outside of his authority and in contravention of established Company procedures.

The Note was for one million dollars to be repaid within two months followed by payments of one million dollars per year profit participation for five years. Upon "execution" of the Note, the Company received a \$900,000 deposit and used it for Company purposes. The Company however did not learn of the terms of the Note for months after it was already delinquent, when a company auditor requested a copy of it.

The Company did not sign or authorize execution of the Note. The note was created by Mr. Colvin using a fraudulent facsimile of the Company president's signature lifted from a blank form non-disclosure agreement. A cursory review of the signature block on the Note show that the signature had been lifted from another document. **See attached Exhibit A.** This exact same signature block was used by Mr. Colvin on multiple promissory notes without the Company's knowledge or consent.

Upon funding of the loan Mr. Colvin took an undisclosed and unauthorized fee of \$100,000.

After becoming aware of the Note, the Company acknowledged receipt of the loan proceeds and has repeatedly expressed that it had every intention to repay Plaintiff.

Only recently, upon receiving certain requests for admission directed to Defendant Rudy Chacon in mid-December, did the Company learn that Plaintiff's investment into the Company involved a million dollars in **cash**, a fact that caused the Company great concern because of the regulated nature of its business.

Facts pertaining to Plaintiff's lack of standing:

At his deposition on January 22, Plaintiff testified that the cash was not his and that he did not inform the owners of the money of his intention to use it this way so did not have permission to invest it. He testified that he was unable to recall whose cash it was despite testifying that they are upset they do not have their money back. He testified however that he would recall whose money it was and would get that information to undersigned counsel. **See attached Exhibit B showing Plaintiff's deposition testimony regarding the foregoing**. Despite urgent and repeated requests for that information, Plaintiff has failed and refused to provide it.

Legal Authority:

The standing requirements under federal law are well-established. The U.S. Supreme Court in *Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife*, 504 U.S. 555 (1992), articulated the three-part test for standing, which includes injury in fact, causation, and redressability. In Lujan, the issues of injury in fact and redressability were prominent but as the Court wrote "the most obvious problem in the present case is redressability. Since the agencies funding the projects were not parties to the case, the District Court could accord relief only against the Secretary..." Id at 568. Similarly, in the case at bar, the party with the direct injury in fact is not before the court and is not able to argue or be afforded its right to redress.

A plaintiff must assert their own legal rights and interests to have standing. In Mason Capital L.P. v. United States, No. 18-529C, United States Court of Federal Claims, June 8, 2020, the court emphasized that a plaintiff must demonstrate standing by asserting its own legal rights and interests, not those of third parties. Id at 25. This principle was reiterated in Owl Creek Asia I, L.P. v. United States and Fairholme Funds, Inc. v. United States, where the courts held that a plaintiff cannot base its claims on the rights or interests of third parties. Similarly, in the case at bar,

Plaintiff's claims are derivative of the real party in interest and Plaintiff has no proper basis for asserting those claims.

Argument:

Plaintiff has made wild and unsupported allegations in his complaint of misrepresentations by numerous individuals and companies, however he testified in his deposition that he did not rely on anyone affiliated with the Company, before making his investment into the Company. He testified that he relied upon his friend Rudy Chacon who also invested into the Company; Rudy invested around \$240,000 based upon a promissory note with the same infirmities as the note Plaintiff has sued on however he has not joined Plaintiff in his wild allegations against the Company but rather is reasonably awaiting developments in the Company so that he can be repaid.

The Company has demonstrated its bona fides during discovery and, it is noteworthy, has negotiated a ten-million-dollar loan based upon airport property it owns in Niagara, New York, a copy of which has been provided to Plaintiff. The Company has explicitly offered to settle the case with Plaintiff on very favorable terms upon funding of the loan. Plaintiff however has ignored the offer and, for reasons that are becoming more and more suspicious, has ramped up his discovery efforts sending intrusive subpoena's to government agencies and just about anyone else they could think of that the Company works with creating very bad press damaging to its business prospects. Not surprisingly, the Company recently received a very concerning email from a Greek airline about to sign a very lucrative contract with the Company which illustrates the damage Plaintiff's unfounded complaint is causing. See Exhibit C attached.

Plaintiff has come before this court with dirty hands. He lent out money that was not his and so he has not suffered the requisite injury in fact to establish standing

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to sue. Furthermore, he is not the real party in interest here and will not disclose who that real party in interest may be.

Given that Plaintiff has testified that the money invested in the Company was not his and that he was not acting as an authorized agent for the owner of the money, and that he is unable or unwilling to disclose the owner of the money, the Stavatti defendants are very concerned about who they are dealing with and must be careful during settlement discussions or other resolution of the matter through the court not to prejudice the rights of the real party in interest who might later seek redress against the Company. At the same time, the Company need to be very careful to avoid involvement with what appears to be money laundering.

Dismissal of Plaintiff's case would not prevent the owners of the million dollars in cash, the real party in interest, to bring an action based in equity to recover the money that Plaintiff used for this investment. In any event, the Company will set funds aside for that purpose.

WHEREFORE, based upon the forgoing, defendants request that this case be dismissed for lack of standing and for any other and further relief as the court deems warranted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 19th day of February 2023.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED TO DEFENDANTS MOTION TO DISMISS

EXHIBIT A: Copy of the Promissory Note showing facsimile signature and the document from which the signature was lifted.

EXHIBIT B: Select pages from the deposition transcript taken during deposition of Plaintiff Valentino Dimitrov supporting the standing argument.

EXHIBIT C: Copy of email from Chris Beskar including an email from a Company representative in Greece describing the problem Plaintiff's lawsuit is causing the Company. The email from Greece included a copy of Plaintiff's complaint.